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Ms. Lisa Lapointe
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Dear Ms. Lapointe:

On behalf of the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions, the Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, we are pleased to submit the first progress report on actions taken in response to the BC Coroners Service *Death Review Panel: Illicit Drug Overdoses*.

This joint report contains updates on all priority actions included in the findings of the Death Review Panel in October 2017 and highlights key areas where significant work is in progress.

We remain committed to providing regular public progress reports as a way to improve accountability and inform British Columbians of the actions that we are taking to reduce overdose deaths by improving the substance use system of care. As noted in our letter dated July 20, 2018, we will provide an additional update in April 2019, and a final response in September 2019.

Please direct any questions to the Assistant Deputy Minister Committee chair, Taryn Walsh, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions, at Taryn.Walsh@gov.bc.ca. Thank you for your continued work to support the provincial response to the overdose emergency.

Sincerely,

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